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JOHNSON, CHIEF, U.S. DELEGATION TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION TALKS, GENEVA AIRPORT, JUNE 30, 1975

FOR MAX KRAUS, USIS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S ARRIVAL
STATEMENT TO BE EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY MONDAY, JUNE 30:

2. I AM VERY PLEASED TO RETURN TO GENEVA ONCE AGAIN
AND I LOOK FORWARD, AS DO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S.
DELEGATION, TO MEETING WITH OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES AND
TO RESUMING WORK ON SALT TWO.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN
VLADIVOSTOK ON NOVEMBER 24, 1974 BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD
AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV INCLUDED AS ONE OF ITS
OBJECTIVES THE WORKING OUT THIS YEAR OF A NEW AGREEMENT
LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
1985. THE U.S. DELEGATION INTENDS TO DO ITS BEST IN
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WORKING TOWARD THIS GOAL WITH ITS SOVIET COUNTERPARTS.

4. I KNOW THAT BOTH DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZE THE
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH THEY BEAR TO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES
AND TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. SUCCESS IN THIS COMPLEX
ENDEAVOR WILL NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY
INTERESTS OF THE U.S. AND THE USSR, BUT WILL ALSO SERVE
TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF ALL THE OTHER
PEOPLES INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING PEACE.
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